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**TONY MENDOZA**

SENATOR, 32ND DISTRICT

April 10, 2017

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board (CARB)  
1001 I Street  
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Dear Chair Nichols:

Thank you for your leadership in moving the State of California towards a clean transportation future.

On March 21, 2017, my colleagues and I were briefed on the Volkswagen settlement in a Joint Informational Hearing of the Transportation and Housing and Environmental Quality Committees. In that hearing, we heard testimony that CARB would make sure that investments per the settlement were made in a way that supports maximum ZEV adoption in the state and that the guidelines prepared by CARB included provisions of SB 535 (De Leon) and AB 1550 (Gomez).

Volkswagen has now submitted for consideration a zero emissions vehicle (ZEV) Investment Plan on how it will spend the first \$200 million in California and I am concerned that VW's proposed ZEV Investment Plan comes in at less than 10%, far below the 35% level of investment outlined in the ARB guidelines.

On behalf of our members, communities, citizens, and drivers everywhere, we ask that you seek modifications to the ZEV Investment Plan so that VW commits to installing charging stations directly in disadvantaged communities.

We ask that CARB continues to show strong leadership and requires 35% of VW's infrastructure investment to go towards disadvantaged, low-income, underserved and disproportionately impacted communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Mendoza".

**TONY MENDOZA**

Senator, 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District

cc: Governor Jerry Brown  
Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León  
Members, California Air Resources Board  
Richard Corey, Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board